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RUSSIAN WARSHIPS LEAVE FRENCH PORT

Heavy Cannonading Heard Off
Kamranh Bay.

TOKIO ANXIOUSLY AWAITS NEWS

Rojestvensky's Squadron Sails in a
Northerly Direction and Consists of
52 Ships—Japs Army Waiting Re-
sult of Naval Battle.

Kamranh Bay, Indo-China, via Saigon, April 24.—11:30 a. m.—The Russian squadron consisting of 52 ships including the transports, left Kamranh Bay at noon April 22, and the main portion soon disappeared in a northerly direction. Sixteen vessels—the Russian cruiser Svetlana, Russian hospital ship Orel, four German transports, seven Danish transports and three Russian transports—remained in the offing.

Fishermen and others assert that they heard heavy cannonading north



Map Showing Location of Kamranh Bay.

of Kamranh Bay during the evening of April 22.

Those who saw Admiral Rojestvensky prior to his departure say he is suffering from dysentery, accompanied by severe pains. All the officers and crew of the Russian ships appeared to be full of confidence.

It is believed here that it is Admiral Rojestvensky's intention to do everything possible to have Admiral Nebogostoff join him before undertaking a decisive battle. A torpedo boat destroyer is patrolling the coast.

The French third-class cruiser Descares left here at 2 o'clock Saturday noon for a point on the coast where a fisherman reports that he saw 20 warships. The man, however, was unable to give their nationality.

Although the Russian crews were confident of victory independent observers who got close enough to Admiral Rojestvensky's warships to be able to inspect them were not unanimous regarding the efficiency of the squadron.

Excitement at Japan's Capital.

Tokio, April 25.—Information is keenly awaited regarding the movements of Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron. It is generally believed that the Russian warships will either continue north from Kamranh Bay until they reach Chinese waters outside the territorial limit or enter the Pacific ocean.

News From Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—The news from Manchuria indicates that Field Marshal Oyama's plans await the result of the naval battle it being too risky for the Japanese army to undertake serious operations while the outcome of the sea fight is in the balance. Should Admiral Rojestvensky reach Vladivostok and Admiral Togo still be able to protect the Japanese line of communications the general belief at the war office is that the Japanese will forthwith attempt to cut off and invest Vladivostok, and make of it another Port Arthur.

Rumor of Naval Battle.

Petersburg, April 24.—11 a. m.—Admiralty is disposed to accept reservation all foreign telegrams concerning the whereabouts of Vice Admiral Kamimura and the Japanese, believing that many of them are

purposely sent out for strategical deception.

The Nisnev Vremya this morning prints a rumor that the opposing squadrons were already engaged Saturday, but the paper has nothing to support the report and no credence is placed in it.

The report that the crew of the Russian cruiser Diana interned at Saigon, after the battle of August 10, but is undergoing repairs at Haifong, Tonquin, and had rejoined Admiral Rojestvensky at Kamranh bay previously to the sailing of the Russian squadron April 22, is denied here.

CRIME IN GOTHAM DECREASES.

While Population Increases, Lawlessness Shows a Falling Off.

New York, April 25.—Although the population of the county of New York has increased 149,879 during the past three years, there has not been a proportionate increase in crime, according to the annual report of district Attorney Jerome's chief clerk.

In the detailed reports of felonies, there is no marked advance of figures as compared with former years. The average number of prisoners charged with felony who were confined in the city prison during the last three years was 1,866. This is the lowest average on record.

The number of indictments and complaints disposed of during the year 1904 was 5,029. Forty-nine per cent of the prisoners were convicted by verdict. The classified list of convictions during 1904 showed a startling preponderance of male criminals. Only 169 females were convicted as against 2,279 men. Of the 169 females, 166 were found guilty of larceny and three of manslaughter. Of the 2,466 persons convicted during the year 1,610 were citizens of the United States.

LARGE EASTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Over \$250,000 Collected on Sunday in the Various New York Churches.

New York, April 25.—Easter contributions to the churches of this city are estimated to have considerably exceeded \$250,000. Indeed, the sum total of the seven or eight churches classed as the wealthier congregations probably reached that figure. In some instances the gifts were as large as \$25,000 from individuals. Grace church received one contribution of that sum which will be used for the training schools of deaconesses.

Altogether the congregational offering was \$55,450 the largest in many years. St. Andrews, in Harlem received \$33,000, the largest amount ever offered by that congregation. Like Grace church, the plates received one check for \$25,000. Old Trinity is thought to have raised at least \$60,000 for the numerous institutions under its patronage. In Brooklyn heavy offerings were also reported and several churches will be able to wipe out their entire indebtedness.

To Stop Property Destruction.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—With the object of stopping the destruction of private property which has been going on in the rural district under the influence of the leaders of the peasant movement an imperial decree was issued today authorizing the minister of the interior, M. Boulignan, to appoint commissions in the disturbed districts to trace the culprits, assess the losses and collect the amount of damage done from the members of the village communities implicated, whose whole real and personal property is liable to be sold at auction for this purpose. The decree also orders the granting of state loans to the landowners not possessing the means of repairing their losses.

Police May Have "Dove."

Chicago, April 25.—The mysterious "Mr. Dove," principal in the murder of Chauffeur William Rife, in a lonely road near Lemont, Ill., last November, is believed by the Chicago police to have been captured. A man answering the description of Dove is under arrest at Memphis, Tenn. Detectives left Chicago for Memphis to identify the suspect and if it is established that he is the man wanted, to bring him back to Chicago for trial. The prisoner is said to have made damaging admissions.

ANGRY OHIO MOB IS CHASING NEGRO

Officers Spirit Prisoner Away
In An Automobile.

CHARGED WITH HEINOUS CRIME

Black Demon Assaults and Murders
White Woman in Buckeye State and
if Mob Gets Him There Will Be a
Lynching.

Columbus, O., April 25.—Speeding from an angry mob of 400 white people at Mount Vernon, Knox county, early today, a deputy of Sheriff James C. Shallenbarger, in an automobile, rescued George Copeland, a negro aged 20, who had been tracked to his home by bloodhounds and arrested shortly after midnight, on the charge of assaulting and murdering Miss Miranda Bricker a white woman aged 55 years Saturday night.

As soon as the word got out that the negro had been placed in jail the mob quickly gathered and the howling and frightened Copeland was hastily disguised by a big overcoat and packed into the bottom of the automobile and one of the sheriff's deputies jumped in and dashed through a back street and started on the way to Centerburg, about 1 mile distant, where Copeland will be placed on a Cleveland, Akron and Cleveland train which is expected to arrive in Columbus today at 2 p. m.

The mob has not as yet learned of the transfer, and it is being momentarily augmented by people from the country districts attracted to the city by the news of the murder and the threatened violence.

Sheriff Shallenbarger addressed the mob and begged that the law be allowed to take its course, assuring the people that Copeland would be given a speedy trial and imploring them not to besmirch the name of the city by any untoward act.

The run to Centerburg was fraught with excitement. The most infrequent roads were taken. Copeland lay crouched in the bottom of the machine, cowered with terror, his eyes protruding and his lips moving in incoherent prayer.

Miss Bricker was a servant in the Fairchild family and was highly respected. She was for years employed as the pastry cook at the Kenyon Military academy.

ROBBERS SECURE JEWELRY.

Claimed To Be Officers and Gained Entrance to Apartments.

Chicago, April 25.—On the pretense of serving a search warrant three men have gained entrance to the apartments of Mrs. R. Gilmore in Twentieth street and at the point of revolvers robbed Mrs. Gilmore and Edward Giroux, of \$2,500 worth of diamonds.

The victims were then bound and thrust into a closet and the door locked on them. After the robbers had departed Mrs. Gilmore tugged at her bonds and released her hands. She and Giroux were half strangled in their narrow quarters. Giroux, to get a breath of fresh air, kicked one of the panels in the door to splinters. He attempted to crawl through this but the opening was too narrow. Another panel was then broken and Mrs. Gilmore crawled through. She secured a duplicate key and released Giroux. About \$5,000 worth of jewelry sought by the robbers was overlooked.

No More Strikes or Lockouts

New York, April 25.—The new building season will begin in earnest today when 160,000 workers in the trades will begin operations under the arbitration agreement signed Saturday by employers and representatives of skilled men and under which it is provided there shall be no strikes nor lockouts. The builders, architects and prospective owners of buildings have work on hand which will last for years to come, strikes and other disturbances during the past few years having delayed operations to such an extent that it will take a long time to catch up. Leaders on both sides express much gratification over the outlook.

WHEAT CONTINUES TO DROP.

Net Loss of Over 7 Cents Compared With Saturday's Close.

Chicago, April 25.—A double back somersault was performed by May wheat today. Instead of settling into a reminiscence, the option promptly started this morning with a repetition of last week's sensational acrobatics. Some of the first trades showed a fall of 4 cents a bushel the price opening at 96 to 98c against \$1 at the close of Saturday.

After the initial plunge, the price for May showed a tendency to rally, reacting temporarily to 97 3/4. If the selling was from representatives of John W. Cates, it was well disguised, the market presenting the appearance of a general bearish attack rather than an attempt at further liquidation of holdings acquired during an attempted corner. P. A. Valentine, of Armour & Co., was generally credited with buying considerable May wheat while the quotations were between 96 and 98. The other was attracted by the recovery of 97 3/4. Fresh selling, however, from outside sources soon pounded the market down. It was not long until the current figures for May were 93 1/2, a net loss of 6 1/2c a bushel, compared with Saturday's close.

Before midday another cent was clipped from the price of May wheat, sales being made at 92 1/2 a bushel. On the slump Armour & Co. was reported to have bought in as much as 1,000,000 bushels of the May option.

FRENCHMEN OBSERVE EASTER.

Foreign Office Was Opened Only a Short Space of Time.

Paris, April 24.—1:40 p. m.—The foreign office and other departmental buildings were closed today in connection with the Easter holidays, which, with the Easter adjournment of both branches of parliament and the departure of President Loubet and most of the ministers except Foreign Minister Delcasse to attend the unveiling of the Gambetta statue at Bordeaux has resulted in a period of calm after the excitement attending the Delcasse incident and the Japanese protest.

The foreign office was open briefly at noon when it was said that no confirmation had been received of the reported cannonade outside of Kamranh bay during the night of April 22, the day that Admiral Rojestvensky left the coast of Annam.

The officials here discredit the report that the crew of the interned Russian cruiser Diana now at Haifong joined Admiral Rojestvensky previous to his sailing.

Shoots Man; Then Kills Self.

Portland, Me., April 25.—Edward Hilton, 65 years old, of Eastwater, shot and killed George Young, 45 years old; slashed his wife terribly about the head and neck with a knife, and then shot and killed himself. The woman, it is thought, will recover. The tragedy, it is said by the police, followed a quarrel between the men over Mrs. Hilton. Young formerly boarded with the Hiltons. He visited the Hilton home Sunday and was talking with the woman when her husband entered.

Collar Button Saves Life.

Augusta, Ga., April 25.—It is probably due to the good grace of a collar button that Manager Billy Earle, of the Columbia baseball club, is not a dead man. While on the way from Charleston to Augusta Sunday morning, a malicious negro fired a pistol bullet through the train, striking Earle in the throat. Fortunately it passed through the panel, instead of the glass, and landed on the manager's collar button, and being partly spent, glanced.

Ends Life on Wife's Grave.

Baltimore, April 25.—Mrs. William Wachaus died in this city two years ago. Her husband sold out his business and returned to Bohemia, his native land. He came back to New York several days ago and sent his trunk to a friend in this city. Wachaus himself got off the train in the suburbs near Oak Hill cemetery and went to his wife's grave, where he shot himself in the temple, dying instantly.

JOSEPH JEFFERSON SUCCUMBS TO DEATH

Famous Actor Has Passed To
The Great Beyond.

INTERMENT AT BUZZARD'S BAY

His Condition Was Thought to Be Improving When the Change Came Suddenly—He Was Beloved by All the People.

West Palm Beach, Fla., April 25.—Joseph Jefferson died at his home, "The Reefs," at Palm Beach, Fla., at 6:15 o'clock Sunday. The end came after a day of unconsciousness and after a heroic struggle of days which had exhausted his vitality. At his deathbed were his wife, his sons Chas. H. and Frank Jefferson; his nurse Miss Mabel Bingham; Dr. R. B. Potter and his faithful old servant, Karl Kettler.

The end was not a surprise to his family. Ever since his last sinking spell which came after a rally on Thursday morning, and which was followed by an apparent improvement on



JOSEPH JEFFERSON.

on Friday, the family has been waiting for the end. Mr. Jefferson's condition Saturday night grew steadily worse and the family, who had retired were summoned from their beds, and Dr. Potter was called. The patient's condition continued to grow worse all through the day and the brief bulletins from the bedside contained no words of encouragement. The sickness of Mr. Jefferson, which ended in his death was contracted, it is believed, while on a recent visit to his son, Charles B. Jefferson, at Hobe sound, a few miles above Palm Beach, where he went to meet his friend, former President Cleveland.

Funeral Arrangements Not Made.

Cleveland, April 25.—William Winter Jefferson, a son of the actor, heard of the death of his father while passing through this city last night en route to Bellefontaine, O. He has cancelled all engagements for his theatrical companies and will leave the stage indefinitely. He said that he would meet his brother in Toledo today and then go on to New York for the funeral of his father, arrangements for which, he said, had not been completed.

Body Sent to Buzzard's Bay.

Buzzard's Bay, Mass., April 25.—It was learned today at Crow's Nest, the home of Joseph Jefferson, that the body of the aged actor would not be brought directly here from Palm Beach. Arrangements have been made to place the casket in a receiving vault at Boston until such a time as members of the family, who are scattered over the country and abroad, can come together. The body then will be brought here and buried in the Bayview cemetery, Sandwich.

Seized with Acute Indignation.

Detroit, Mich., April 25.—United States Senator R. A. Alger, who was seized with an attack of acute indignation last night on a Michigan Central train near Detroit, and who was taken home from the station in an ambulance, is better today. Although not able to leave his bed, all danger is said to be passed.